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For: ROTOR AND METHOD FOR)
WELDING AN ELEMENT OF A)
ROTOR)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, applicants request that the following claim amendments be entered. No new matter has been introduced in these amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace Claims 3-15 and 18-26 as follows.

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3. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the said weld metal comprises at least 0.3% manganese.
 4. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the said weld metal comprises 0.005% or less sulphur.
 5. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the said weld metal comprises at least 1.7% tungsten.